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Sharks Baseball Team Places Third in Disney Baseball Festival!

Miami Beach, FL – The City of Miami Beach U-13 Sharks Traveling Baseball Team placed third at the 2006 Disney's Salute to Baseball Festival held July 1-7, 2006 at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, FL. The tournament consisted of teams from Florida, Texas, Ohio, Canada, and Puerto Rico.

The Sharks won their first game of the tournament 6-2 against the Waterloo Tigers from Canada. Their second victory of the tournament was an exciting come from behind victory over International Baseball team from Florida, led by Eddy Guadarrama, who had the game winning RBI for the Sharks. The Sharks then went on to three more victories against the Dragones and the Expos Del Senorial from Puerto Rico behind the solid pitching efforts of Josh Canabal and Roly Rodriguez-Mena, who each pitched complete games.

After being defeated by the Star County Tigers from Texas, the Sharks entered the Bronze Medal game against fellow South Florida team International Baseball from Miami, FL. The Sharks, down 1-0 with 2 outs remaining in the bottom of the 5th inning got 2 consecutive hits from Joey Bosa and Manny Montealegre to set up the go ahead hit by Andrew Eduartez, giving the Sharks the lead for good. The Sharks went on to win the Bronze Medal with a 5-1 victory. Other outstanding performers for the Sharks included Leo Estevez, who had 2 homeruns, and Matthew Salom, who finished tournament play with a .480 batting average.

Sharks Baseball Coach John Magua said "This was a great tournament and I'm very proud of the way my team performed. We had an awesome time, gained valuable game experience, and are looking forward to the upcoming season."

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